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**ON THE USE OF SALIVA RT-PCR TEST OF THE PHILIPPINE
RED CROSS
BY BUSINESSES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES**

The Department of Health (DOH) has approved the use of saliva as an alternative specimen for Real-Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) testing, using the Sansure kit.

The Saliva RT-PCR test can provide results within six (6) to twelve (12) hours and costs lower than nasopharyngeal, nasal or throat swab testing. It is available across Philippine Red Cross molecular laboratories.

Subject to compliance with existing DOH guidelines, and while nasopharyngeal, nasal or throat swab remain to be the recommended modes of specimen collection for the detection of COVID-19 infection, the Saliva RT-PCR tests may now be used by businesses whenever they need to have their employees undergo an RT-PCR test.

Be guided accordingly.

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